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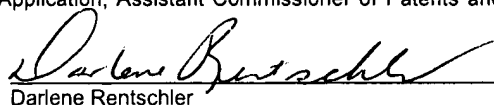
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant wishes to bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in connection with the subject application. Form PTO-1449 is attached, on which the citations are listed. The references were cited by the Applicant in the parent application of this application and thus copies of the references are not being resubmitted with this statement. A copy of the prior PTO-1449 form is enclosed herein. See 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d). The pending parent application is S.N. 09/725,621, filed November 30, 2000.

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